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- The Future of the Horner Exchange



Introductions

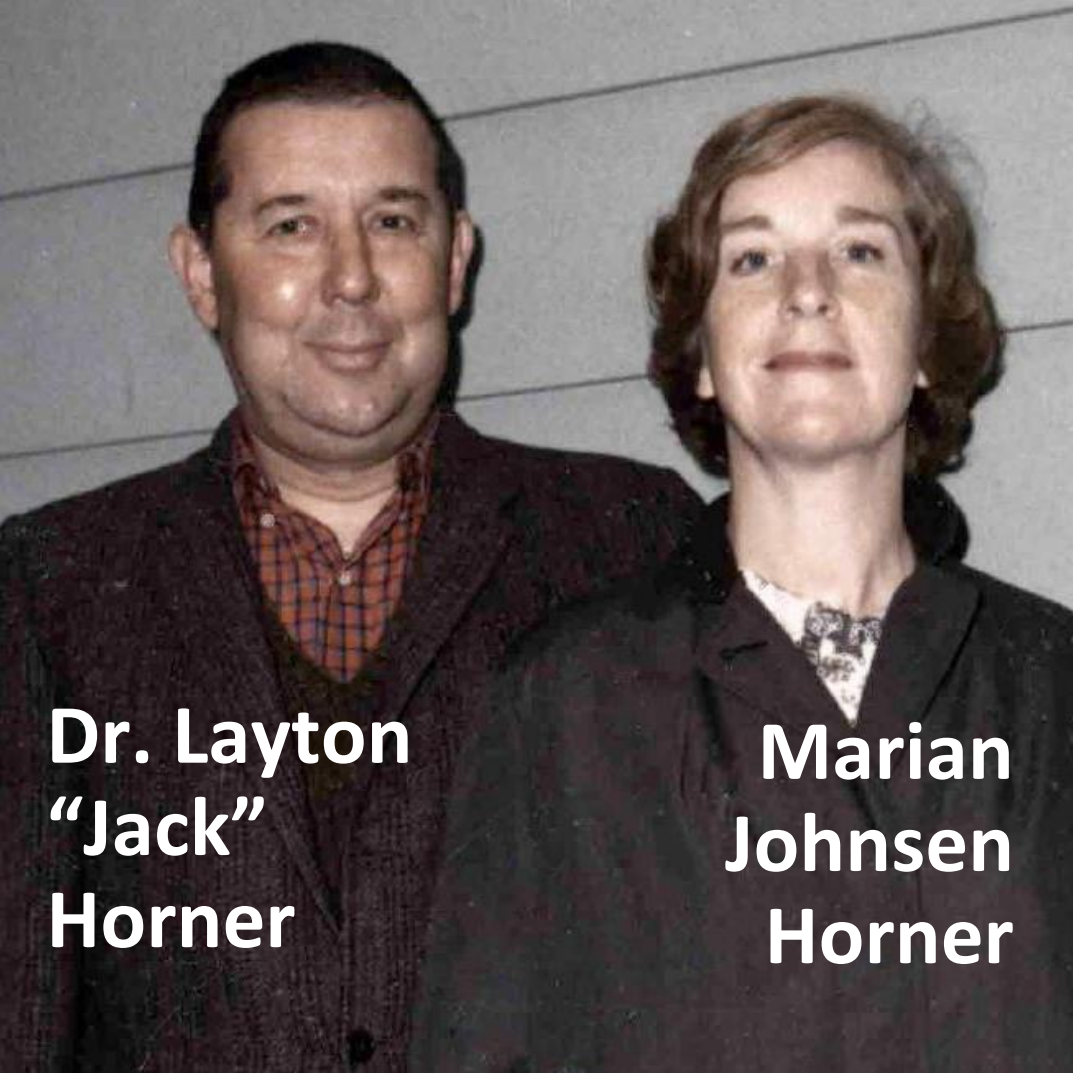


A photograph of a pond with a pink lotus flower in full bloom, surrounded by large green lily pads. The water is dark and reflects the flower and leaves. The text "Background on the Horner Exchange" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Background on the Horner Exchange

Fujian Province





**Dr. Layton
“Jack”
Horner**

**Marian
Johnsen
Horner**

- Olympian, 1932, 1936
- Orphanage director, mining company bookkeeper, ordained minister, conscientious objector
- Married Marian Johnsen in Bremerton, Washington, 1946
- Postwar Japan
 - Education reforms
 - “Jack and Betty” books
- Acting governor of Palau (1950)
- Author of several books including:
The Japanese and the Americans and
On Both Sides of the Pacific
- Doctorate in Oriental Studies from U. Arizona (1973)
- Fulbright at Oxford University
- Taught Oriental and Middle Eastern studies at UNC and PLU

Oregon-Fujian Sister Relationship Timeline

1984 - Sister State agreement
between Fujian and Oregon



1989 – Sister Library agreement
between Fujian Provincial Library and
Oregon State Library



1992-1993 – Oregon book donation
to Fujian

NORTHWEST REGIONAL
CHINA COUNCIL



Mae
Yih

Kathy
Greedy

Xi
Jinping

Establishment of Horner Exchange

1989 – Dr. Layton Horner makes a bequest to the Oregon State Library

1997 – Memorandum of Understanding signed

1998 – First Horner delegates exchanged between Fujian and Oregon



Evolution of the Horner Exchange

In the beginning:

- One librarian at a time
- Longer visits
- Specific project goals

Currently:

- 3 librarians from Oregon, 4 from Fujian
- Once every three years
- Visit includes: library tours, staff meetings and conversations, presentations, visit to library conference, and exposure to cultural, historic and scenic landmarks.





2016 Horner Exchange



Li Fan
Huaqiao University
Library

Lin Yong Xiang
Fujian Provincial Library

Chen Wen Ge
Quanzhou Municipal
Library

Liu Xu Zan
Fujian Provincial
Library



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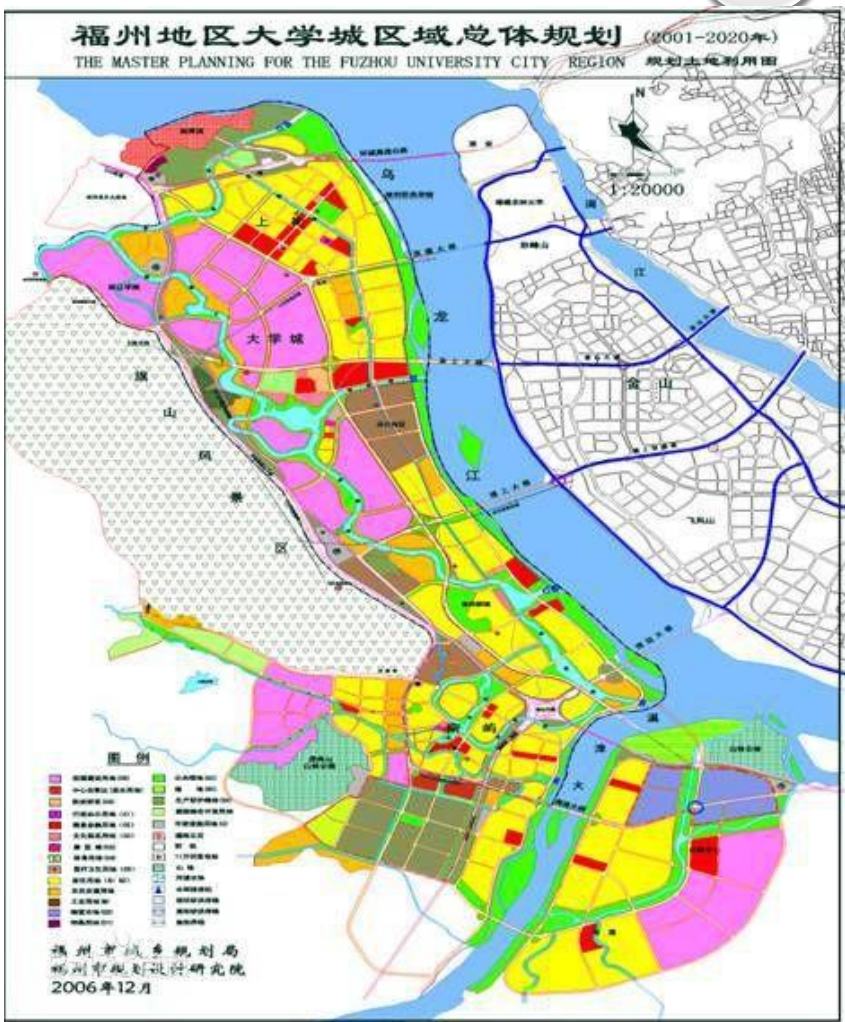
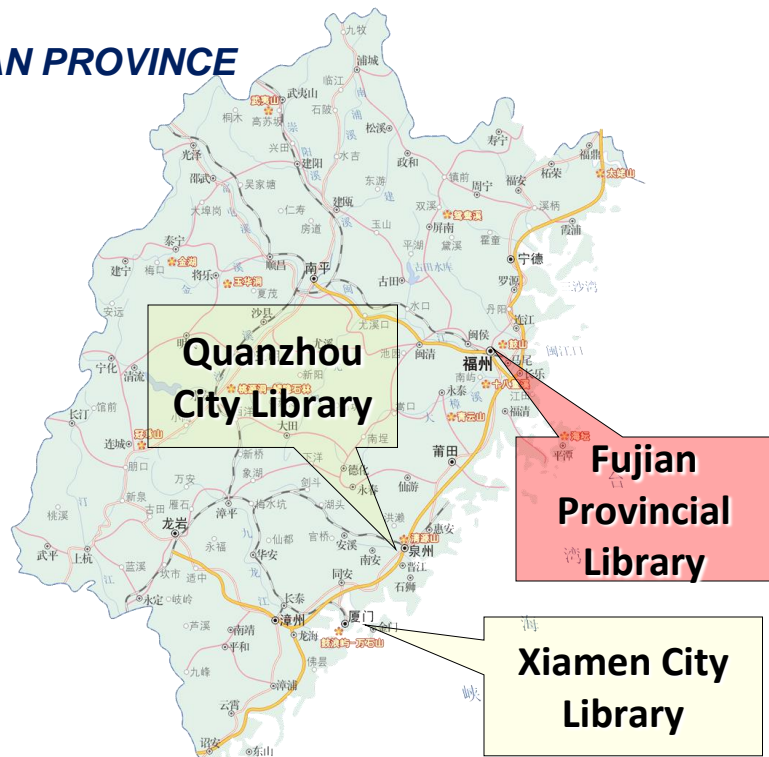
Amy
Lee

A photograph of a pond with a pink lotus flower in bloom in the lower right. The flower has many layers of pink petals with yellow centers. Above the flower, there are two large green lily pads with some brown spots. The water is dark and reflects the flower and leaves.

2016 Horner Exchange: Libraries & Conversations

FUJIAN PROVINCE

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meeting at FPL





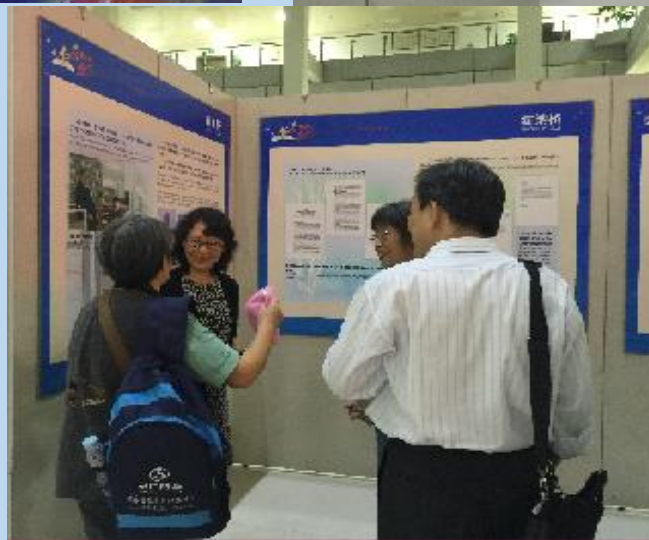
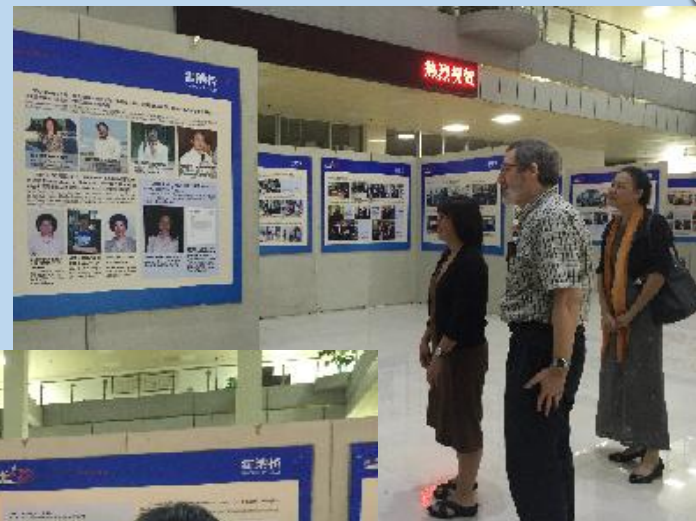
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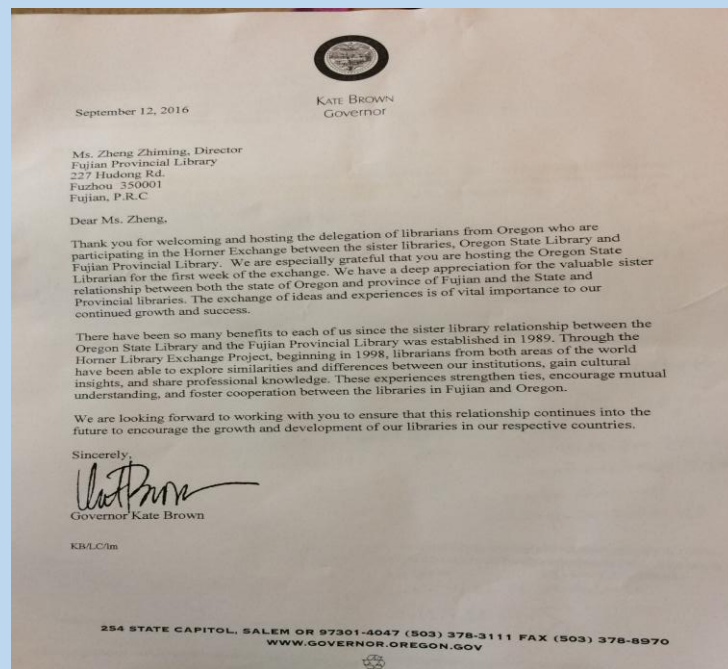
Horner Exchange Program Symposium



Exhibit: books build the bridge of friendship



Letter from Oregon Governor Kate Brown



Attending annual meeting of the Provincial Library Association



XIAMEN UNIVERSITY



Xiamen University Library (Old Campus)



Xiamen library branch: zhongshan lib



Xiamen city library



Nanjing country library



WITH QUANZHOU LIBRARY DIRECTORS



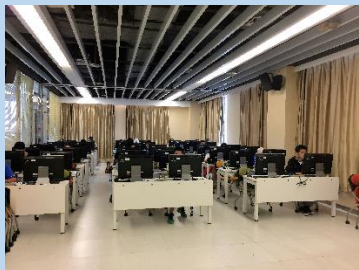
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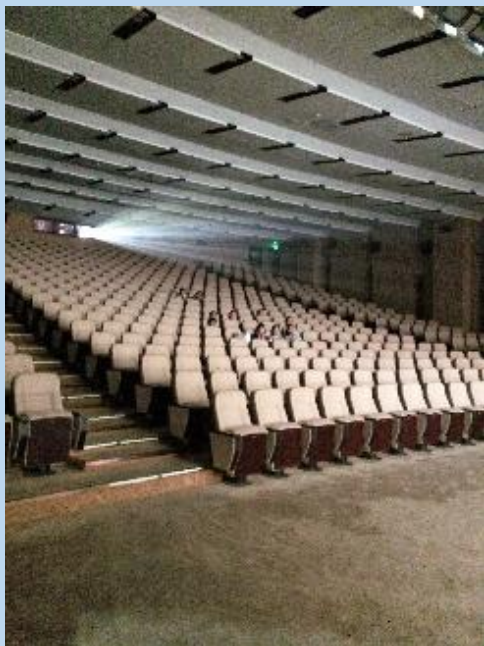
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XIAMEN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY: NEW CAMPUS



MOVIE THEATERS IN THE LIBRARY



Fujian Normal University library



Fujian Normal University library



Fujian University



Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine



Fujian University of Traditional Chinese Medicine



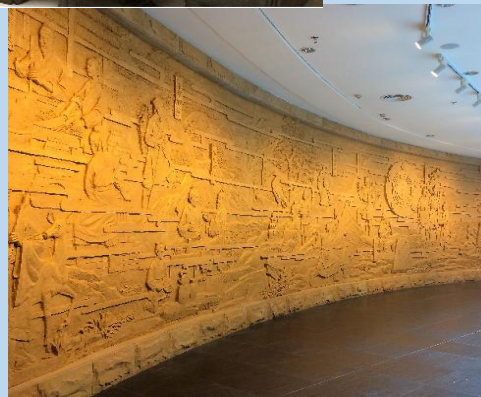


Museum of TCM History

中西医结合研究院

2005年7月3日成立了福建中西医结合研究院，下设心血管病研究所、肿瘤研究所、骨病研究所和医学实验中心。研究院拥有中西医结合博士后科研流动站、中西医结合一级学科博士学位授权点、国家中管局重点学科、省级重点学科、国家中医药科研三级实验室、福建省重点实验室和福建省高校重点实验室等培养和研究平台。

研究院秉承“中西合璧，求真至善”精神，重点围绕中西医结合防治高血压、肝病、慢性关节炎等方向开展研究，形成了中西医结合消化道肿瘤研究、中西医结合肾病研究、中西医结合代谢综合征研究、中西医结合脑血管病研究和中西医结合骨病研究等5个稳定而有特色的研究方向，研究成果丰硕。



Presentations at Fujian Provincial Library



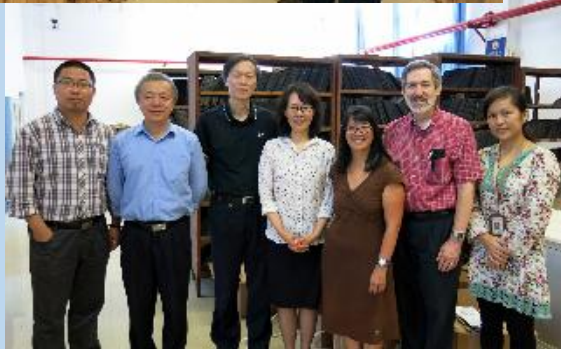
Nov. 2, 2016 at Fujian Provincial Library



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Special collections at Fujian Provincial Library



FAREWELL DINNER WITH FPL STAFF



A photograph of a pond with a pink lotus flower in bloom. The flower has many layers of pink petals with yellow centers. It is surrounded by large green lily pads. The water is dark and reflects the flower and leaves.

2016 Horner Exchange: Sightseeing & Food

Fujian Tulou: A UNESCO World Heritage Site











Chest-Slapping Dance

Performance at Confucian Temple, Quanzhou



Puppetry



Qingjing Mosque
(Islam)
1009 CE



Quanzhou: City of Religions

Guandi Temple (Taoism)



Chengtian Monastery (Buddhist)



Statue of Lao Tzu on Mount Qingyuan circa 1000 CE



TEA



My Breakfast



Richard Attends a Bar Mitzvah in Shanghai!



Former Secretary Blumenthal's Childhood Home in Shanghai



舟山路59号

59 Zhoushan Road

建于1910年，上海近代时期外廊式建筑风格。
二战时期，包括曾担任美国卡特政府财政部部长的
M·布鲁门撒尔在内的一批犹太难民居住于此。

Built in 1910, the house is deemed veranda-style
architecture typical in modern times Shanghai.
During the World War II, a number of Jewish
refugees lived in this house, among whom is
Michael Blumenthal, the U.S. Secretary. of the
Treasury of Carter Government.

GULANGYU ISLAND



QUIET STREETS



FOREIGN BOOK STORE





A Feast at Every Meal



Breakfast in Fuzhou



Sandworm Jelly
(土筍凍)

A photograph of a pond scene. In the foreground, a pink lotus flower is in full bloom, its petals showing a gradient from light pink to a deeper magenta at the edges. The center of the flower is a bright yellow, revealing the stamens. The flower sits on a dark, rounded seed pod. In the background, two large, green lily pads float on the water. The lily pad on the left is partially cut off by the frame, while the one on the right is more complete, showing its characteristic shape and veins. The water is a dark, still grey, reflecting the light. The overall composition is serene and natural.

Current Collaborations

Oregon State University Library



Jimei University Library

Portland State University



Portland
State
UNIVERSITY



Xiamen University



Portland State
Confucius Institute



OREGON COLLEGE *of* ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Oregon College of Oriental Medicine



Fujian TCM University

Fort Vancouver Regional Library



Xiamen Municipal Library

Reflections



Was It Worth It?

- Solidified relationships with colleagues in Fujian
- Prospect of new joint endeavors in the future
- Exposure to modern China
- Innovations learned:
 - Reserved seating
 - 24-hour mini-libraries
 - Decontamination of books
 - Active capture of vanishing customs and crafts

“When we focus on developing personal relationships and cultivating mutual respect for and understanding of each other’s cultures, our economies will thrive together. Let’s continue that growth, together, for many generations to come... I believe Oregon and China have much to offer each other—we are communities linked with shared economic goals and cultural values.”

Governor Kate Brown

Future of the Exchange



Horner Exchange: Looking Ahead



- Oregon and Fujian committed to maintaining relationship
- New sources of funding
- Alternate forms of professional exchange

Thank You!

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